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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 2, 2003, the Applicant elects with traverse the invention of Group I corresponding to Claims 1-17.

The Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement based on MPEP § 803, which states:

... If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

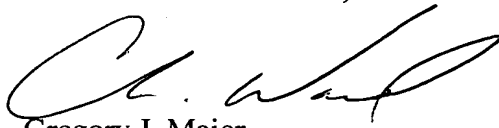
The claims of the present invention would appear to be part of an overlapping search area. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully traverses the outstanding restriction requirement on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a *serious* burden on the Examiner.

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Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the requirement to elect a single invention be withdrawn, and that a full examination on the merits of Claims 1-18 be conducted.

Respectfully Submitted,

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